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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Restriction Requirement dated April 16, 2001.

Enclosed is a check, which covers the appropriate fee of \$445.00, based on small entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-006CIP2 (Formerly 784CIP2). A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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